Secretary's Note

As regards Resolution XIII of the 38th Session (1967), the State Governments of Rajasthan, Kerala, West Bengal, U.P. and Punjab and the Administration of Goa, Daman & Diu have accepted the recommendation contained therein, while the Governments of Mysore, Orissa and Haryana have stated that they are accepting it in principle.

Proceedings

The resolution at 7(a) and (b) were formally moved respectively by Dr.Nijjar and Thiru Singarajan. As the main purpose of both the above resolutions were similar, the suggestion of the chairman for linking the two in a single resolution was accepted and the following resolution was adopted:

> Resolution V The Commission is of the view that it is imperative to take all necessary steps to ensure the proper maintenance and preservation of all Public records in the States, whether current, semi-current or non-current. The State Governments are, therefore, requested to implement urgently the recommendations already made by the Commission(vide resolution VII and XIII of the 38th Session) and (i) transfer all District records more than 30 years old to the control of the State Archives, and (ii) declare their Directors of State Archives to be inspecting authority for the non-current records of the State Offices at all levels, as also of the local bodies viz. Municipalities, Zilla Parishads etc. in the State.

(8) Financial assistance by the Government of India to set up State Archives

Resolution by Mysore Government

The Indian Historical Records Commission resolves that the Government of India take immediate steps to extend cent-per-cent financial assistance and enable the State Governments to set up full fledged Records Offices where there are no such offices so far.

Explanatory Note

It is imperative to establish a fully equipped Record Office in every State where this is not in existence for collecting records and historical documents both from private and public sources. Having collected, they have to be preserved scientifically for the sake of historical research etc.

The nature of private records is such that they are likely to be lost for posterity for various reasons. Hence the urgency.

Secretary's Note

State Government Records are not a Central subject. The responsibility for their housing, maintenance and preservation is vested in the State Governments concerned and expenses thereon should normally be borne by them. Attention is invited in this connection to Resolution II of the 39th Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission (1968), which recommended that the State Governments should include 'Development of Archives' as a Plan item in their respective Budgets. This was reiterated in Resolution IV of the 40th Session (1970). If these recommendations are properly implemented, a certain proportion of Central aid would be available for the development of State Archival Repositories.

Proceedings.

The resolution was formally moved by Dr. Seshadri, but in view of the position explained in the Secretary's note, the proposal was dropped.